CHAP. 26.

An Act to regulate the Sale of Poisons in Ireland. [14th July 1870.]

WHEREAS it is expedient for the safety of the public that due provision should be made to regulate the sale of poisons in Ireland:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Articles named in Schedule A. to be deemed poisons within meaning of this Act.

1. The several articles mentioned in the Schedule A. to this Act annexed shall be deemed to be poisons within the meaning of this Act; and the King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland may from time to time, by resolution, declare that any article other than those mentioned in the said schedule and in such resolution named ought to be deemed a poison within the meaning of this Act; and thereupon the said College shall submit the said resolution for the approval of Her Majesty's Privy Council in Ireland, and if such approval shall be given, then such resolution and approval shall be advertised in the "Dublin Gazette;" and on the expiration of one month from such advertisement the article named in such resolution shall be deemed to be a poison within the meaning of this Act.

Regulations to be observed in the sale of poisons.

2. It shall be unlawful to sell any poison, either by wholesale or by retail, unless the box, bottle, vessel, wrapper, or cover in which such poison is contained be distinctly labelled with the name of the article, and the word "poison," and with the name and address of the seller of the poison; and it shall be unlawful to sell any of the poisons which are named in the first part of Schedule A. to this Act annexed, or which may hereafter be added thereto under section one of this Act, to any person unknown to the seller, unless such person is introduced by some person known to the seller; and on every sale of any such article the seller shall, before delivery, make or cause to be made an entry in a book to be kept for that purpose, stating, in the form set forth in the Schedule B. to this Act annexed, the date of the sale, the name and address of the purchaser, the name and quantity of the article sold, and the purpose for which it is stated by the purchaser to be required, to which entry the signature of the purchaser and of the person (if any) who introduced him shall be affixed; and any person selling poison otherwise than is herein provided shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for the first offence, and to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds for the second or any subsequent offence; and for the purposes of this section the person on whose behalf any sale is made by any apprentice or servant shall be deemed to be the seller; but the provisions of this section which are solely applicable to poisons in the first part of the Schedule A. to this Act annexed, or which require that the label shall contain the name and address of the seller, shall not apply to articles to be exported from Ireland by wholesale dealers, nor to sales by wholesale to retail dealers in the ordinary course of wholesale dealing, nor shall any of the provisions of this section apply to any medicine supplied by a duly qualified apothecary, nor apply to any article when forming part of the ingredients of any medicine dispensed by a duly qualified apothecary, provided such medicine be labelled in the manner aforesaid with the name and address of the seller, and the ingredients thereof be entered with the name of the person to whom it is sold or delivered in a book to be kept by the seller for that purpose; and nothing in this Act contained shall repeal or affect any of the provisions of the Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to regulate the sale of Arsenic."

Adulteration of Food or Drink Act to extend to medicines.

3. The provisions of the Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for preventing the Adulteration of Articles of "Food or Drink," shall extend to all articles usually taken or sold as medicines, and every adulteration of any such article shall be deemed an admixture injurious to health.

Recovery and application of penalties.

4. Every penalty recoverable under the provisions of this Act shall be recoverable in a summary way, with respect to the police district of Dublin metropolis subject and accord-

ing to the provisions of any Act regulating the powers and duties of justices of the peace for such district or of the police of such district, and with respect to other parts of Ireland before a justice or justices of the peace sitting in petty sessions, subject and according to the provisions of the Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851, and any Act amending the same, and shall be applied according to the provisions of the Fines Act (Ireland), 1851, or any Act amending the same.

SCHEDULE A.

Part I.

Arsenic, and its preparations.
Prussic acid.
Cyanides of potassium and all metallic cyanides.
Strychnine, and all poisonous vegetable alkaloids and their salts.
Aconite, and its preparations.
Emetic tartar.
Corrosive sublimate.
Cantharides.
Savin, and its oil.
Ergot of rye, and its preparations.

Part II.

Oxalic acid.
Chloroform.
Belladonna, and its preparations.
Essential oil of almonds, unless deprived of its prussic acid.
Opium, and all preparations of opium or of poppies.
Preparations of corrosive sublimate.
Preparations of morphine.
Red oxide of mercury (commonly known as red precipitate of mercury).
Ammoniated mercury (commonly known as white precipitate of mercury).
Every compound containing any of the poisons mentioned in this schedule, when prepared or sold for the destruction of vermin.
The tincture and all vesicating liquid preparations of cantharides.

SCHEDULE B.

Date.	Name of Purchaser.	Name and Quantity of Poison sold.	Purpose for which it is required.	Signature of Purchaser.	Signature of Person introducing Purchaser.

CHAP. 27.

An Act for the Protection of Inventions exhibited at International Exhibitions in the United Kingdom. [14th July 1870.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that such protection as is herein-after mentioned should be afforded to persons desirous of exhibiting new inventions at exhibitions to be held in the United Kingdom: